

resolution to express support for conditioning an institution of higher education's receipt of certain Federal funds on its actions to provide military recruiters with the same access to its campus and students as it provides to any other employer.

I am very proud of our military and of the courage and bravery of our military personnel. I believe in the importance of outreach, and of the ability of employers to utilize the resources of our colleges and universities. I know that the talent found at our institutions of higher education across the country is important to the success of our defenses, and that every month many of our best and brightest make the decision to defend our homeland.

I would like to caution my colleagues, however, and remind them that this is not a military issue. We value a higher education because of the learned abilities to think critically, to comprehend complex problems and issues, to analyze research and information, to evaluate the choices at hand, and to gain enough wisdom to arrive at a solution. I am hesitant to condition Federal funding for these institutions on a situation which may be their way to express a point of view and to disagree with the status quo.

To be able to freely oppose the politics of any administration is a right given to us in our own Constitution. To be able to express these opinions is, again, a right given to us in our own Constitution. Likewise, the dignity of a military career is inherent and desirable. However, I have concerns about resolutions such as this that seem to limit the ability of one party without a perceived benefit for another.

I urge my colleagues to consider this matter carefully, and to join me in celebrating both our Armed Forces and our institutions of higher education.

#### IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF BRAD NORRIS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 15, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of my close friend William B. "Brad" Norris—beloved husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, brother, and close friend to the entire community. His passing marks a tragic loss to his friends, family and the people that he served in the community.

From early on, he headed the call to public service. He graduated from Culver Academy in Indiana and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served his country with honor and courage, after which he moved to Cleveland, where he eventually joined Cleveland law firm Hahn Loeser and Parks.

Mr. Norris was truly a civil rights activist. He visited President John F. Kennedy and also volunteered with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By working with the Cleveland Regional Transit Authority during the late 1960's he helped organize opposition to a freeway plan that if enacted, it would have split eastern Cuyahoga County. He represented the city of Cleveland in a lengthy antitrust lawsuit against the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, in which CEI attempted to put its rival Muny Light Company out of business. This would have made CEI Cleveland's only municipal electric sys-

tem. This was also a topic I fought passionately for when I was the mayor of Cleveland. He also played an instrumental role in the rebirth of Cleveland's first licensed educational, non-commercial public radio station, WCPN FM.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. William B. "Brad" Norris. We remember him and celebrate the life that he led. We have experienced a great loss in the Cleveland community, and he will be missed greatly. I extend my deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Elizabeth; his sons Jack, Todd, and Robert; his daughters, Carolyn, Pamela and Betsie; a brother; six grandchildren and his friends and colleagues. The life that he lived, and the legacy that he leaves will live on in the hearts of his family and all the lives that he touched.

#### IN MEMORY OF SSGT. JAY COLLADO

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 15, 2006*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on March 3, 2006, I attended the funeral of SSGT. Jay Collado, an American soldier from Columbia, South Carolina, who gave his life while serving his country in Baghdad, Iraq. The inspiring service was conducted by Fr. Wilbrod Mwape, the Catholic Chaplain of Providence Hospital in Columbia. His message of heroism and hope was presented with great sincerity.

We have gathered here this morning to celebrate life for Jay, for we believe death is not the end of our life but in fact the beginning of a New, perfect and eternal life in God's Kingdom. Jay died honorably and I really feel honored to be part of this celebration of his life!

Death indeed is a very painful experience for all of us regardless of whatever age a beloved person died. We moan and grieve for our beloved people knowing that we will never see them again as human beings the way we are now! However, we will moan and grieve not as unbelievers but as believers in the life after death. And this is why we are here to celebrate life and not death of SSGT Jay Collado!

To the family of Jay, this is a terrible loss mostly that Jay has gone at a very young age, he was only 31! You will really moan and grieve as a family for this great loss of your beloved one. However, as we have heard from the scripture readings, death is not the end of life but a beginning of a perfect and eternal life. Jay has only passed by from our mother earth and enters into a new life where we all look forward to be. As we heard, Jesus Christ says, He is the life and the Resurrection who ever believes in him will have eternal life. This is what Jay would like each one of us to know that he is now resting eternally in God's Kingdom. Jay will always be a gift to you as a family and you will remember him in all the wonderful time you shared with him.

SSgt Jay died for a noble cause in the country of Iraq fighting for a better life of humanity! He indeed died a hero's death, he is a hero not only for the U.S., but the whole humanity. Jay will remain a great inspiration not only to the family, U.S. Marine Corps, or his country but to humanity as whole. Jay chose to go to Iraq and fight for freedom, peace and liberty for the Iraqi people

and the whole of Middle East, he would have chosen not to go if he had no love for humanity. Jay will be remembered for his spirit of sacrifice not only for the freedom, peace and liberty of U.S. but the whole humanity. He chose to risk and sacrifice his life for the love of people. This indeed is a wonderful inspiration for all of us. Let us remember Jay by imitating him, to be ready to risk and sacrifice our lives for the freedom, peace and liberty of all human beings on earth. All of us here we are enjoying the freedom, peace and liberty because of people like Jay who sacrificed their lives for us, many of whom we never knew or met!

This indeed is SSGT Jay Collado's legacy, a young man who risked and sacrificed his life for love of humanity. He is a hero; let us honor him by learning from his exemplary life!

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM BAKER

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 15, 2006*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to recognize the many achievements of Dr. William Allen Baker (Pg.D, Ph.D, D.Litt, Th.D, Kt.OBE), from Odessa, Missouri, who is an accomplished actor, educator, author, and philanthropist.

Dr. Baker conducted his graduate studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and at the University College, Wales, United Kingdom. A Rotary Foundation International Graduate Fellow, he has earned a Doctorate in Theatre History (Ph.D), a Doctor of Letters (D.Litt), a Doctorate in Theology (Th.D), and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity (HonDD).

Previously an Associate Professor and Department Chairman at Avila University, Dr. Baker has published several books. His stage and film credits include performances in England, France, and Wales. Dr. Baker is a member of the Royal Star and Garter, the Royal British Legion, the British Society of Ethical Theory, the British Theological Institute, the American Biographical Institute, the International Society of Philosophers, Franciscans International, the Council for Parliament of the World's Religions, the Screen Actors Guild, and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

Dr. Baker has been bestowed several awards and honors including the International Peace Prize, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Magistracy Medal of Honor, and the International Professor of the Year 2005. He has been nominated for the American Medal of Honor for contributions to literature, the International Medal of Freedom, and International Writer of the Year. Dr. Baker has also been named to the BBC Hall of Fame, Top 100 Writers 2005, and Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to Dr. Baker for his many achievements and wish him luck in all his future endeavors.